



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D C 20463

Mr. Marc E. Elias  
Perkins Coie  
607 Fourteenth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

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RE: MUR 5576  
Tony Knowles for U.S. Senate and  
Leslie D. Ridle, in her official capacity as  
treasurer

Dear Mr. Elias:

On October 27, 2004, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Tony Knowles for U.S. Senate and Leslie D. Ridle, in her official capacity as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On September 19, 2005, the Commission notified your clients of a supplement to the complaint. On April 25, 2006, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, the supplement thereto, and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe that your clients, Tony Knowles for U.S. Senate and Leslie D. Ridle, in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b(a) or 434. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

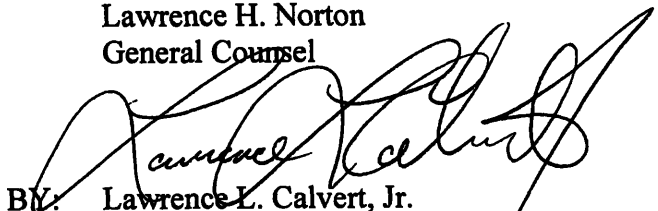
Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mark A. Goodin, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton  
General Counsel

  
BY: Lawrence L. Calvert, Jr.  
Deputy Associate General Counsel  
for Enforcement

Enclosure  
First General Counsel's Report

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